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Containing these Nine Observations, Wits, Fits and Fancies, Jests, Jibes and Quiblets, with Mirth, Pastime and Pleasure.

The Figure of Nine to you I here present
Hoping thereby to give you all content.

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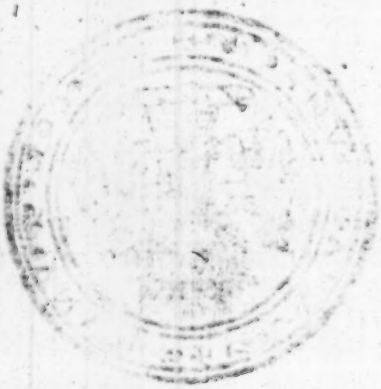

The Epistle to the READER.

GOod gentle Reader, so I will thee call
If thou wilt neither grin, bark, bite, nor ball
If thou art kind, and lov'st a Poets state
My Book to thee I mean to dedicate:
If your acceptance do but dain to read it
I will be thine as fortune hath decreed it,
And what the Muses doth bestow on me
With all my heart I will reveal to thee.
What e're it be, Jibes, Iests, or pretty Themes;
Or otherwise, some Cural or extreams;
What ere I have, I partly will provide
Some dainty dish, fit for the finest Bride:
Or any one that stands a Poets friend,
I say no more, but try me to the end:
Think well on this believe it all, no less,
I will be yours for ever, I profess.

Samuel Smithson.

THE FIGURE OF NINE, Containing mirth, Wit and Pleasure.

Assist me now you Muses all Divine,
To write upon this Figure of Nine.

Nine Vertues Compleats and makes an honest Women: Patience, Modesty, Chastity, Loving moderately, Giving charitably, a Viet reprover, a Gospel lover, jealous in goodnesse, and to be faithfull in her promise.

Nine excellent treasures which will cause a Man to love a Maid; Beauty, Feature, Amity, Riches, Lands, Livings, Noble birth, gallant behaviour, and a tongue that is civil.

Nine

Nine ſorts of heads much nominated in theſe times: a ſquare head, a long head, rattle head, a round head, a Bulls head, calves head, a Rams head, a Cuckolds head, and a Maiden-head.

Nine pretty paſſages and paſtimes cauſe mirth and laughter: a play with a clown in it, a Court with a fool in it, a changling and an antick: a Lord and his maſter, a mad man in Bedlam, Iack-pudding in dancing, a ſong from a fidler, the politick Iugler, and the Hobby-horſe Morris.

Nine ſorts of wives and other things torment horn mad Cuckolds: wanton wives, aviſhing wives, fighting wives, ſcolding wives, jeering wives, coſtly wives, handſome wives, ſparks in their Beds, and themſelves kickt out of ſervice.

Nine vertues belong to a good man: love, peace, and unity, faith, hope, and charity, gravity, wiſdom, and ſobriety.

Nine ill conditions in a Married Man puts his wife out of temper: to be idle, to be a drunkard, to ſwear, lye, and diſſemble, to be a glutton, to pawn his clothes and bedding, to be dogged and full of Envy.

Nine things being once lost can never be recovered: A Bawds chastity, a whores honesty, a Brokers charity, a desperate Lover, a faithless promise, a Ship in the Quicksands, a pearl in the Ocean, a man in the clouds, with a lost Maiden-head.

Nine sorts of tools chiefly belong to a Farrier: A Forge, an anvil, a Hammer, a pair of Tongues, a Brish, a Vice, a File, a pair of Bellows, and a Horn to blow with.

Nine sorts of men love nine sorts of dishes. A Dutchman loves butter, an Englishman Beefe, a Scot loves an Oat-cake, the VVelshman loves Couse-bobby, an Irishman Onions, a Frenchman loves Mutton, the Spaniard tobacco, the Seaman loves Fish, and a Taylor loves cabbage.

Nine things makes a Taylor a Man: A Thimble, Bodkin, Shears, Needles, and Cloth: Nature makes him a man, his master makes him a Taylor, his wife makes him a cuckold, and the Devil makes him a Thief.

Nine things delight a Shepherd: The killing of Wolves, the destroying of Foxes, the barking of Cur, his Crook, Bag-

Bagpipes and tarbox, his bottle, a wench in the fold, when his wife is charming.

Nine sorts of horned creatures: a Unicorn, a Stag, a Buck, a Goat, a Hart, a Ramme, an Oxe, a Bull, and a Cuckold.

Nine sorts of Vaulters and jumpers: a Flea, a Frog, a Grashoper, a Vaulter, a Tumbler, and a Dancer, a Jumper, a Squirril, and a Quarter-staff-leaper.

Nine sorts of common arms: The Brewers armes, the Bakers armes, the Weavers armes, the Butchers armes, the Painters armes, the Curriers armes, the wenches armes, the Cuckolds arms, and the hangmans arms.

Nine sorts of common Dances alwayes used: Salingers round, Bobbin-jo, Jingle-de-cut, Bodkings Galliard, the madmans Morris, Drunken Barnaby, the Bed full of bones, room for Cuckolds, and the Lankishire horn-pipe.

Nine sorts of perrish angry Creatures: A froward Child, a sick man, an old man, a wittal, a Cuckold, a Horner, a Bee, a wasp, a Beetle.

Nine disasters befits a cunning dissembling broker: A Rook to catch him, a

Knave to flatter him: a Lawyer to cozen him, a thief to rob him, a whore to gull him, a Jugler to wind him, a book to slaunder him, a wanton wife and a halter.

Nine sorts of vagrants there are which all honest men should beware of: A Bawd, a Whore, a Pandor, a thief, a Cutpurse, a pick-pocket, a Broker, a Usurer, and the Devil.

Nine old Proverbs to rehearse will cause laughter: a good Jack makes a good Gill, a kind wife is worth gold, like to like quoth the Devil to the Collier, out of the Frying-pann into the Fire, Cat after Kind, thitten come thite is the beginning of Love, a burnt child dreads the Fire, it is want that makes the good wife trot, and a cunning Knave needs no Broker.

Nine sorts of fooliſh things are unſeemly: to eat pottage with a Ladle, to blow ones Noſe at ſupper, to Fart before a Juſtice, to ſlabber in eating, to laugh at prayer, to Kiſs like a clown, to ſtand like a fool, to jeer continually, and to laugh at a dogs tail wagging.

Nine ſorts of female Creatures much

hated

noted: a Scold, a Slut, a Babble, a Gossip, a pratling housewife, a doctress, a witch, a bawd, and a harlot.

Nine sorts of amorous women: Venus the Goddess of beauty, Flora and Cloris Goddises of flowers, chast Diana, fair Hellen of Greece, modest Penelope, Lady Rosamond, Jane Shore, and the glory of the west.

Nine great sounds and reports: Beating of Drums, shooting of Guns, sounding of trumpets, the beating of copper, the shouting of millions, the noise of the Ocean, the ringing of bells, the wilderness musick, the clapping of thunder.

Nine things can never be compast to be done: to empty the Sea: to climbe to the Element, to tell the stars, to swallow a Millstone, to live by the ayr, to sit well in a burning furnace: to leap like a Squirril, to spit out gold angels, and to fly like an Eagle.

Nine conceits will make the people merry: to see a Cat turn Fidler, and Mice turn Morrice-dancers, to hear a Dogg play on the Taber and Pipe, a Pigg to play on the Organs, to see a Jack-a-Napes sing ballads, Foxes turn Lawyers, Geese

turn

turn Clients: a wench to dance naked: a Parret to talk Bawdily.

Nine things befits a Poet: Mony, good company, subjects to write on, Pens, Ink and paper, natures invention, the Muses inspiration: and a pretty wench in his study.

Nine pretty sports are worth spectation: Jack puddings segaries: a Clown in his gesture, the Lancashire witches, the drunkards antick, Barnabies frolick: the sisters dipping, a woman preaching: the Adamites meeting: a milk-wench to stroke a Bull.

Nine sorts of Religions and never a good one: The Arminians, the Anabaptists, the Antinomians, Free-willers, Adamites, Seekers, Epicures, Quakers, and Shakers.

Nine things to cause admiration: To see an Elephant fly in the air, A Lamb and Lion at play, a Cat fidling and Mice a Dancing, a Cobler turn Courtier, a Whore turn honest: no knavery in brokers, Usury abolish'd, honesty preferd, and a Poet with store of Money.

Nine things Metamorphosed would be nine days wonder: to see a child teach his

his Father: a tree with the roots upward, Caſtles in the Ayr & ſtars in the earth: a mountain in the Sea: a Church with the ſteeple downward: a cart to draw horſes: hens to tread cocks, and a woman to wear the breeches.

Nine ſorts of Arts and Profeſſions gets their livings by muſick; a Virginalmaker, a Cytern-maker, an Organ-player, a Bagpipe-player, a Fidler, the Tinker and his Kettles: a Trumpeter, a Pipe and Taber, and a jovial chanter.

Nine rare arts that excell all others: A Printer, a caſter of Mettals, a Limner, a Weaver, an Embroyderer, a Curter of Marble: an Engineer artiſt: the gallant clock-work, and famous water-work.

Nine ſorts of wanton Creatures: Woodcocks, Dotrels, Kitlins, Monkies, Puppies, Pigges, Colts, Aſſes, Children and fisking wenches.

Nine ſorts of proviſions are commodious in a Commonwealth: Oyl, Milk, and Honey, Bread, Beef and Bacon, Pork, Lamb and Mutton.

Nine ſorts of men and tradeſmen live by horns: Comb-makers, Horn-makers, Poſt-boys, Sow-gelders, Blackſmiths, Lan-

Linnhorn-makers, Pimps, wittals, and Cuckolds.

Nine ſorts of diſhes a lewd wife provides a huſband: A meſs of mandring broth, a wor m-wood poſſet, a diſh of crabbed faces, a panful of Carp, a mouthful of pouts, a meiſe of pickled tongues, a handful of Rue, a Cuckolds cap, and a horn-comb.

Nine ſorts of men not to be believed: horſe-coursers, Brokers, Uſurers, Rooks, Decoyes and Cheaters, wizards, Fortune-tellers, and Quack-ſalves.

Nine things are uncertain: Doomſday, deaths coming, riches, a faithleſſe man, times allowance, a fickle mind, fair weather, a turning weather-cock, a wanton harlot.

There are nine ſorts of Cuckolds: a Kind Cuckold, a croſſe Cuckold, a gallant Cukold, a proud Cuckold, a jealous Cuckold, a patient Cuckold, a dogged Cuckold, a weeping Cuckold, a horned cuckold.

There are nine ſorts of things that are to be taken heed of: a feigned friend, a back-biter, a falſe diſſembler, a cunning ſharker, a crafty thief, a ſmiling curpurſe,

High-way cheater, a perjurd swearer, painted Harlot.

Nine things are very irksome: To go in stony ways bare-footed, to ride tyred horses, to eat bitter soot, Gall, worm-wood, to sup scalding liquor, to drink sower beer, to be full of vermine, and to have ones skin full of Ilit-holes.

Nine sorts of silly things commonly used, to wish for great Livings; to ban the wheele of Fortune, to talk with a Fool, to joyn with an asse, to be like a Cuckold, to swear like a Ruffin, to drink like a Prodigal, to eat like a Glutton, and to lie in bed and forecast.

Nine things known to be true by doing nine things: A Lowse is known to be a blood-sucker by his biting: a cheater is known to be a Rook by his couzening, a pandor is known to be a pimp by his waiting, a Cuckold is known to be a wittal being contented, a Broker is known to be a cut-throat by his usury, a Begger is known to be a murderer by Killing: a thief is known to be a Robber by his hanging, a Lawyer is known to be a Schollar by his pleading, and a whore is known to be a harlot by her wantonness.

Good

Good counsel in Bad times.

The tune is, *Old Simon the King.*

YOu young men and batchelors all,
pray hearken to what I shall say,
'tis fit you should come at my call,
the bondman is forc'd to obey;
Good counsel to you I will give,
whereby to avoid subtle traps,
Some think 'tis a fine way to thrive
to sit in their Courtezans laps.
But chiefly beware of the horn,
for if it do fall to your lot,
Your neighbour will laugh you to scorn
and call you kind Cuckold I wot.

I'd have you take heed of a bawd,
think on the Turn-ball gang,
For they will a young man applaud,
and give his gold purse a fine bang:
And if thou art made of such mettle
to play with their Holland smocks,
They'l bite and sting like a nettle
and send you home back with a Pox,
But chiefly, &c.

Take heed of a Usurers claw
for why: tis as bad as the Devil,
He'l keep you by's power in awe
and make a proud Ruffin turn civil:
Beware and keep out of his hands
for down he will fling you ith's lock,
He'l seaſe on your Cattel and Land
and ſue for your principal ſtock.
But chiefly, &c.
Keep out of a Brokers ſhop,
for if he bend thee to his bow,
He'l uſe thee as bad as a Crop
this I by experience do know.
A limb of the Devil is he
ſome Brokers are Knaviſh and baſe,
when as he hath couzened thee,
heel jeer thee unto thy fools face.
But chiefly, &c.
Take heed of a Lawyer I ſay,
with gold and ſilver they're fed,
If they for their money do ſtay
they'l ſwear that your cauſe it is dead:
They are crafty like to an old Fox
which carries the Goose on his back:
They lock up the gold in a box
and make a poor John *a poor* Jack.
But chiefly, &c.

Refra

Refrain from meeting Thieves,
from Pick-pockets 'tis a vile crew,
That commonly are brought before the sheriff
adjudged for being untrue:
For Tyburn doth fall to their doom,
fitted with a noose and a Loop,
Though loath yet up they must go,
and swing too as round as a hoop.
But chiefly, &c.

Beware and take heed of your friends,
lest cunningly they do betay you,
Concluding my ditty it ends,
remember this Counsel I pray you,
I wish you good trading and health,
where ever you live or do dwell,
I wish you much honour and wealth,
and the Figure of Nine for to sell.
But chiefly beware of the horn,
for if it do fall to your Lot,
Your neighbour will laugh you to scorn,
and call you kind Cuckold I wot.

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